



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN LAVERN LAWRENCE, SR.,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:18-cr-00271-JAD-CWH

Preliminary Order of Forfeiture

This Court finds that defendant Steven Lavern Lawrence, Sr., pled guilty to Count One of a One-Count Criminal Information charging him with Wire Fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343. Criminal Information, ECF No. __; Change of Plea, ECF No. __; Plea Agreement, ECF No. __.

This Court finds defendant Steven Lavern Lawrence, Sr., agreed to the forfeiture of the property and the imposition of the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Information. Criminal Information, ECF No. __; Change of Plea, ECF No. __; Plea Agreement, ECF No. __.

1 This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (2), the United
2 States of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the
3 Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Information and the
4 offense to which defendant Steven Lavern Lawrence, Sr., pled guilty.

5 The following property and money judgment are any property, real or
6 personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to violations of Title
7 18, United States Code, Section 1343, a specified unlawful activity as defined in Title
8 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(c)(7)(A) and 1961(1)(B), or a conspiracy to
9 commit such offense, and are subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States
10 Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and
11 Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p):

- 12 1. A Microsoft Surface Book bearing serial number 017928154657;
 - 13 2. A Microsoft Surface Book bearing serial number 016573654857; and
 - 14 3. A Microsoft Surface Book bearing serial number 001104154357
- 15 (all of which constitutes property)

16 and an in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment of \$137,815, and that
17 the property will not be applied toward the payment of the money judgment.

18 This Court finds that the United States of America may amend this order at
19 any time to add subsequently located property or substitute property to the forfeiture
20 order pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(2)(C) and 32.2(e).

21 The in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment complies with *Honeycutt*
22 *v. United States*, ___ U.S. ___, 137 S. Ct. 1626 (2017).

1 This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should,
2 reduce the aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of
3 America.

4 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND
5 DECREED that the United States of America should seize the aforementioned
6 property.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the United
8 States recover from Steven Lavern Lawrence, Sr., an in personam criminal forfeiture
9 money judgment of \$137,815.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all possessory
11 rights, ownership rights, and all rights, titles, and interests of Steven Lavern
12 Lawrence, Sr., in the aforementioned property are forfeited and are vested in the
13 United States of America and shall be safely held by the United States of America
14 until further order of the Court.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United
16 States of America shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official
17 internet government forfeiture website, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Order,
18 which shall describe the forfeited property, state the time under the applicable
19 statute when a petition contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and state the name
20 and contact information for the government attorney to be served with the petition,
21 pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6) and Title 21, United States Code, Section
22 853(n)(2).
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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any
2 individual or entity who claims an interest in the aforementioned property must file
3 a petition for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest
4 in the property, which petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of
5 perjury pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(3) and Title 28,
6 United States Code, Section 1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the
7 petitioner's right, title, or interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts
8 supporting the petitioner's petition and the relief sought.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any,
10 must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las
11 Vegas, Nevada 89101, no later than thirty (30) days after the notice is sent or, if
12 direct notice was not sent, no later than sixty (60) days after the first day of the
13 publication on the official internet government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the
15 petition, if any, shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United
16 States Attorney's Office at the following address at the time of filing:

17 Michael A. Humphreys
18 Daniel D. Hollingsworth
19 Assistant United States Attorneys
501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice
21 described herein need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is
22 issued by the appropriate agency following publication of notice of seizure and intent
23 to administratively forfeit the above-described property.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Clerk
2 send copies of this Order to all counsel of record and three certified copies to the
3 United States Attorney's Office, Attention Asset Forfeiture Unit.

4 DATED this 16th day of Sept, 2018.

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7 HONORABLE JENNIFER A. DORSEY
8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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